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1. In an attempt to accomplish Police Department" reforms demanded by the Navy, Phibul approached Luang Adul Aduldet Charat. On this occasion, however, Phibul received a "brush off", allegedly because Adul thought the Prime Minister was being indecisive about the matter. Adul rebuffed the Field Marshal with the statement: "As a member of the Supreme State Council, I am not entitled to condescend to the point whereby I shall be mixed up in such a minor matter".
2. Another consideration within the Police set-up has been Luang Chatrakarn Kasol, Director-General of Police. Two schools of thought were either that he would be so exasperated with events that he would resign, or that the November Clique would "kick him upstairs" (possibly to a cabinet post) and implant one of their own men to ensure their complete control of the Department. The first possibility almost took place. Luang Chat went to inform Adul of his resignation following the killing of the ex-Ministers and the resulting up-surge of public opposition. Adul asked Chat to remain in office so as to prevent the possibility of the entire Police Department being thrown into turmoil. Chat then agreed to remain, at least until the situation had cleared, provided Adul would call in Colonel Lamai for a personal reprimand and provided Police Major-General Phao Sriyanon gave him assurances that no further acts of violence would result. Phao gave his promise that same afternoon.**
3. Adul is of the personal opinion that the group, led by Major Lanthom Chitwimon***, which carried out the executions of the ex-Ministers, was most ill-advised and the deed was so clumsily performed that no one was fooled. Adul, himself, has had two experiences in rounding up plotters, having arranged the liquidation of Major Luang Songgram Vicharn, a former Aide-de-Camp to Prince Boveradej, and of Major Luang Varonsrit "while resisting arrest".
4. In an Army Staff Conference (November Coup Clique), it was planned to take all five members of the Supreme State Council as hostages. This leaked to the police, and certain portions of the Police Force (November Clique infiltrations, of course, excepted) rallied to Luang Adul.****
5. The Emergency Police Headquarters has commandeered the Chamber of Commerce buildings in the vicinity of Suan Amporn.

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- 25X1X* [REDACTED] Comment. For additional information on personalities and organization of the Police Department see SO-21591 and SO-21591a.
- 25X1X ** [REDACTED] Comment. Information in paragraph 2 was later confirmed by Adul.
- 25X1X *** [REDACTED] Comment. For further details on the killing of the ex-Ministers, see [REDACTED]
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- 25X1X **** [REDACTED] Comment. Police support for Adul could result in the splitting of the Police into several divisions, but the group loyal to Adul would be the strongest.

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